

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING MAY 8, 2001

11:10 a.m. Logan made a motion and Lancaster seconded to go into a board or corrections meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Bud Jeffries was absent. Motion carried.

Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Pamela Lancaster and Lonnie Logan. Bud Jeffries was absent.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the March 13, 2001 meeting and place on file. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent.

Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session for personal. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent for the vote and Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

11:39 a.m. executive session

11:40 a.m. Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent for the vote and Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

CORRECTIONS DIRECTORS REPORT: Corrections Director Dave Arnold stated that he received a letter from the City of Grand Island thanking the corrections department for the work-release inmates for their assistance with the city wide cleanup.

He also reported that he has talked to Senator Ray Aguilar concerning the inmate medical expenses and the introduction of the request for an interim study on this subject.

He presented the board members with the statistical reports and stated that they have now added GED classes that will be held in the jail for the inmates. Some of the GED classes are court ordered. He is also looking at adding Spanish classes for the correction officers. He also reported that he has been meeting with the local health care providers to look at medical costs. There is a company that will help provide catastrophic health insurance care coverage for inmates, there is a \$5,000.00 deductible but this could help with some of the billings. Some of the serious medical issue that faces corrections is that the population includes drug users that have Hepatitis C and other drug related health issues. Dr. Budd has recommended screening suspected inmates for Hepatitis C that would be a cost of \$30.00 per inmate. The corrections department is training new officers this week.

Arnold stated that when jail study was released and they were requesting public input on the issue of building a new jail, they have now set up an E-mail address for this purpose. That address is jailstudy@hcgj.org and they also have a phone number they can call.

Logan stated that the county board has been invited to look at new jail in Texas and he invited Corrections Director Dave Arnold to come along.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chairman Hartman called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk